खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग

*210. श्री राम नरेश यादव : क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) सन 1990-91 में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों को लगाने में राज्यवार कितना-कितना रुपया खर्च करने का प्रस्ताव है ;

(ख) इसके परिणामस्वरूप जो उद्योग लग पायेंगे उनका राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) इसके द्वारा कितने लोगों को रोजगार मिल सकेगा ?

वस्त्र मंत्री, साथ में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री शरद यादव) : (क) से (ग) खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय ने खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों की स्थापना के लिये राज्यवार आवंटन नहीं किया है। मंत्रालय की विभिन्न विकासात्मक योजना स्कीमों को देश में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण सैक्टर के संपूर्ण विकास के लिये बनाया गया है और विभिन्न विकासात्मक योजन स्कीमों के अधीन सुविधायें पाने के लिये राज्य सरकारों को भी प्रोत्साहित किया जाता है । इन स्कीमों में नई एकीकृत फल और सब्जी प्रसंस्करण यूनिटों की स्थापना और विद्यमान फ़ल और सब्जी प्रसंस्करण यूनिटों के आधुनिकीकरण, विविधीकरण और विस्तार आदि के लिये राज्य सरकारों/सहकारिता उपक्रमों को सहायता की स्कीम, फ़ल और सब्जी प्रसंस्करण वाले कुटीर एवं लघु उद्योगों को वित्तपोषण सहायता की स्कीम बुनियादी सुविधाओं के विकास की स्कीम, अनुसंधान और विकास की स्कीम, प्रशिक्षण स्कीम, खाद्यान्न मिलिंग सेक्टर में आधुनिकीकरण की स्कीम, राज्य सरकारी सेक्टर/सहकारिता सैक्टर में पोल्ट्री और सूअर मांस के प्रसंस्करण की स्कीम, मात्स्यिकी आदि के विकास की स्कीमें शामिल हैं। वर्ष, 1990-91 के दौरान उपर्युक्त स्कीमों के कार्यान्वयन के लिये 32 करोड़ रुपये का कुल स्वीकृत परिव्यय रखा गया है।

ऐसी आशा की जाती है कि इन स्कीमों से खाद्य प्रसंस्करण सेक्टर के संपूर्ण विकास और रोजगार के साधन बढ़ाने में मदद मिलेगी।

Show cause notice issued by Assistant Collector, Central Excise, Patna to M/s. I.T.C. Limited

*211. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV :
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Assistant Collector, Central Excise, Patna had raised a demand of Rs. 8.29 crore against M/s. I.T.C. Ltd., if so, what are the details thereof ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said company had filed a writ petition in the Patna High Court against the above demand; if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) when the Patna High Court has decided the above writ petition and what was the decision of the High Court;

(d) whether Government have preferred any appeal against the order of Patna High Court, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if the answer to part (d) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) Yes, Sir. A demand for Rs. 8. 29 crores was raised on 13-1-1989 against M/s. I.T.C. Ltd. by Asstt. Collector, Central Excise, Patna, on account

of requantification of the differential duty in pursuance of Director General of Inspection's (Customs and Central Excise) adjudication order dated 10-4-86.

(b) M/s. ITC Ltd.. had filed a writ petition No. 1713/90 in the Patna High Court on the ground that the said demand issued to them was against the principles of natural justice as it had been issued without any show cause notice before raising the demand.

(c) The Patna High Court has decided the said writ petition on 16-5-90. The High Court has quashed the said demand raised against M/s. ITC Ltd., Patna for Rs. 8.29 crores. The High Court has ordered that the Department can recover the additional amount of excise duty from M/s. ITC Ltd., if legally payable, after issuing a show cause notice etc.

(d) The order of the Patna High Court is being examined to determine whether this is a fit case for filing an appeal.

(e) Does not arise.

Finance Minister's visit to Washington for attending IMF meeting

*212. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI :
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he had been to Washington to attend a meeting of International Monetary Fund and the meetings of other financing agencies, if so, what is the outcome of the discussions;

(b) whether it is a fact that IMF, World Bank and the United States are putting pressure on the Indian Government in opening the economy to competition ; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to withstand such a pressure ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) Yes, Sir. The Interim Committee agreed on a package of measures thereby setting a number of long pending issues. These decisions include:

(i) increase in the total of the IMF quotas by 50%, with a provision of next review by March, 1993 ; and

(ii) extension of the burden sharing arrangements in the IMF and amendment of the IMF Articles providing for suspension under certain conditions, of members who are persistently in arrears with the IMF.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Submission made by All India Food Preservers' Association

*213. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the submission made by the All India Food Preservers' Association indicating problems being faced by them in providing facilities to food processing industry for its accelerated growth and its impact on fruits and vegetables growers;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES(SHRI SHARDAD YADAV) : Repre-